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January 19 Community Meeting What's happening at Local Public Schools?

Come join us for a question and answer session with Ms. Jackson. After the Community Representatives have given their reports, Ms. Jackson will be invited to speak.

Ms. Jackson, a San Diego Unified School District Board of Education Member for Sub-District E, can answer your questions about the school budget, school realignment, and plans for facility improvements at Crawford High School and Mann Middle School, including stadium lights at a relocated football field.

Community Vote: Legal Challenge to School District Bond Spending

Taxpayers for Accountable School Bond Spending (TFASBS) is suing the San Diego Unified School District and has asked the ECCC for a vote of support. The lawsuit challenges the San Diego Unified School District's spending of Proposition S bond funding for athletic facilities, including stadium lighting at football fields. TFASBS was organized by residents living near Hoover High School, and has participation by residents living near Point Loma and Crawford High Schools. A yes vote would give TFASBS permission to list the ECCC on its website as a supporter.

Read the following article for a summary of school facility planning and a link to more information.

School Facilities Update School District Exemption from Zoning Restrictions Community Group Appeals Court Ruling on Prop S Funding

With funding from Proposition S bonds, the San Diego Unified School District has developed a set of plans for new facilities and facility upgrades at Crawford High School and Mann Middle School. In addition to new and upgraded classrooms, the proposal includes upgrades to athletic facilities. The preferred plan for Crawford's athletic facilities includes stadium lights at a relocated football field. The new location for the football field is at Trojan Avenue and Sharron Place, where the baseball field and tennis courts are now.

ZONING EXEMPTION: On May 10, 2011, the San Diego Unified School District voted to exempt school facilities projects from local zoning ordinances. This exemption includes Crawford High School stadium and sports facility improvements. As a result, these facilities will not be submitted for planning review by the City. In an August 9 memorandum, the San Diego City Attorney states, "School Districts may vote to exempt themselves from local zoning ordinances if the proposed use is for classroom facilities." In addition to use for Physical Education and extra-curricular sports, Crawford's athletic facilities are available for community use under the California Civic Center Act.

LEGAL CHALLENGE: With support from some residents living near Point Loma and Crawford high schools, a group of Hoover High School neighbors have challenged the School District's use of Prop S bond funds for athletic facilities, including the installation of stadium lights. Filing as Taxpayers for Accountable School Bond Spending (TFASBS), this group has filed an appeal to an initial judgment in favor of the School District.

LOCAL IMPACTS: Changes to Crawford's athletic facilities include potential impacts on the surrounding neighborhood, including light, noise and parking. Residents living near the football field currently experience loud noise and crowded parking during daytime events. Stadium lighting will extend these impacts into the evening. Lights were recently installed at Hoover High School on 90 foot and 100 foot tall poles. At planning meetings for Crawford and Mann, architects

mentioned the availability of systems that focus light more within the facility.

MORE INFORMATION about school facility plans and impacts is available at <http://crawford-mann-neighbors.blogspot.com/>

This page was put together by ECCC Board member and school neighbor, Carl Luster, and it includes a more complete summary, links to related websites and documents, contact information for public officials, and a comment section for community discussion.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

The Board of Education hasn't scheduled a hearing or vote on this proposal, and this gives the community more time to learn about the plan and respond.

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ECCC's December Holiday Get-Together Pot-Luck & Raffle

Wow! Our holiday celebration was a great success. We had approximately 50 to 60 people. Food was wonderful and most residents went home with a raffle item of their choosing.

One lucky resident at each table was the recipient of the table center piece – designed and made by Ms. Susan Rosenberg who lives on Soria. Susan works for the Petco Foundation and donated a wonderful dog bed full of goodies and a cat climber with a value of \$80! In addition, Susan also brought along stuffed animals for our pets, which we placed on the chairs around each table. There was some great wine (donated by an anonymous resident on Vale, and other goodies too numerous to mention. Peter Godzeck won the split-the-pot raffle and received close to \$100!

Congratulations to our raffle winners and a big thank you for the wonderful food we all enjoyed. Cheba Hut was kind enough to provide a dessert selection and other residents brought along wonderful homemade goodies which we all enjoyed. Maurize made a very unusual and great tasting turkey that everyone wanted the recipe for. See below so you can cut it out and keep.

Please patronize Petco and again we would like to give you information on their Foundation. The Petco Foundation serves as a voice for companion animals across the country since 1999. Each year, they help animal-welfare organizations find lifelong, loving homes for millions of orphaned pets, as well as fund spay and neuter efforts, animal assisted therapy programs and humane education.

The Foundation donates about \$8 million a year to assist companion animals across the country. The organization is funded through donations raised during seasonal fundraisers conducted in PETCO's 1,000 plus stores in all 50 United States, as well as from PETCO associates,

vendors and corporate contributions. The majority of the funds raised remain in the community in which they were raised, but the PETCO Foundation is also involved in many national animal welfare efforts.

Salvadorian Turkey - the Best Turkey Recipe in the Whole Universe!

1 whole thawed turkey, 12 pounds. (Preferable boneless turkey breast)

16 oz regular favorite beer

2 whole white onions, peeled and blended

4 whole green peppers, blended

6 large tomatoes, blended

5 cloves of crushed garlic

4 chicken bullion cubes or to taste

Salt and pepper to taste

2.25 oz of sliced black olives

1/2 of cup of regular mayonnaise.

1/2 cup of Dijon mustard

8 tablespoons of sesame seeds

1/2 cup of Worcestershire sauce

1/4 cup of soft butter or margarine

12 oz of tomato paste or tomato sauce.

6 white peeled potatoes

8 peeled carrots.

The night before cooking:

Wash thawed turkey with cold water and poke it with a knife all over. Place the turkey in a roasting pan or cooking bag. Mix mayonnaise, mustard, and butter together and rub it all over turkey. Pour beer all over turkey and let it marinate overnight.

The next day:

Preheat oven 350 degrees. Cook the turkey for a minimum of 2 hours with peeled diced potatoes and carrots or until done. Check with meat thermometer - 170 degrees. Baste every half hour to prevent dryness. While waiting for the turkey...

The salsa

Blend the onions, bell peppers, and tomatoes together. In a large pan mix the blended ingredients with the Worcestershire sauce, tomato paste, sesame seeds, garlic, and black olives, and cook on low heat until hot.

When the turkey is done, mix the turkey liquids with potatoes and carrots with the salsa, add the chicken bullion, salt and pepper to taste, and pour back onto the turkey and cook it in the oven some more (covered) until tender, and keep on basting it to prevent dryness.

Best served as a sandwich on crusty Italian/Mexican bread (Bolillo) with tomatoes, radishes, lettuce, and cucumbers.

Enjoy.....Maurize Rios

CACC Needs a Website

The CACC is currently accepting proposals for development of a website to more broadly publicize its activities. If you or someone you know is interested in and qualified to do this work and available to begin immediately, please contact Rhea Kuhlman at finebks2@sbcglobal.net or 619-491-0664, for a copy of the Request for Proposals.

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Redevelopment Funds Much-Needed Street Lights in College Area

December 20, 2011 – Construction has begun on the installation of 13 new induction streetlights along Streamview Drive, from 54th Street to College Avenue and 33 additional induction streetlights along El Cajon Boulevard from 54th Street to 73rd Street. The improvement project is being implemented by the city of San Diego with funding provided last year by the city's Redevelopment Agency using Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area funds.

The need for additional streetlights along Streamview Drive was identified by the Redwood Village Community Council (RVCC), while the need for more streetlights along El Cajon Boulevard was identified by the College Area Business District (CABD). The RVCC and CABD presented this need to the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area Committee, which serves as an advisory committee to the San Diego Redevelopment Agency, and the PAC recommended the funding request.

Agency staff worked closely with the City's Engineering & Capital Projects Department staff to identify the lighting requirement and prepare the construction documents using redevelopment funds. The project objective is to meet city of San Diego streetlight standards and spacing requirements for commercial and transit corridors. Construction should be completed in 100 working days.

Parking in Front Yards From the Office of District 7 Council Member, Marti Emerald

"The issue of people parking in front yards in violation of the municipal code has been a significant one for the College Area, and other areas of District 7. Like most/all of you, the Councilmember has been troubled by the lack of enforcement of this code provision. Recently, the community and this office have been campaigning for changes.

I am pleased to be able to report that the Mayor's Office is in agreement with having this matter enforced by Parking Enforcement Officers (the ones patrolling the B Permit Parking areas).

I already have a number of reports of violations from your communities, and I will be sending them to Parking Enforcement. If you know of other potential violations, please send me the addresses (along with any documentation). Tim Taylor, Council Representative, Councilmember Marti Emerald, Council District 7, City of San Diego, 202 C Street, MS 10A, San Diego, CA 92101 619.533.4774 office, 619.238.1360 fax

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Recent Incidents in Rolando

By Jan Hintzman, Rolando Community Council

Someone set fire to palm trees on Carling Way in Rolando around 9:30 on Monday night 1/2/2012. There have also been other incidents of vandalism in the neighborhood over the past month.

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It's important for us all to be alert to unusual behavior and to report it to the police. ***For crimes in progress, call 911. To report other incidents, the non-emergency police number is 531-2000.***

In the case of the palm trees fire, a passing good Samaritan noticed the fire, took the hose on the property and doused the fire. The residents had already retired, so the fire could have easily done significant damage. The incident is now being investigated by the Arson Strike Team. The property-owner is very grateful for the passerby who took quick action and wishes to thank him.

Clay Park: On December 12, 2011, two mature pine trees were mortally wounded. Vandals scrapped off extensive patches of bark which will kill the trees. (Caution: Do not walk too close to the base of the trees or you will get pine pitch all over your shoes.)

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN WATCHING FOR THE CRIME-IN-PROGRESS SO THE POLICE CAN TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. Dog walkers, concerned neighbors, and neighborhood exercisers, please put the park on your routes. Call 911 immediately if you see vandals in action. Contact Jan Hintzman (hintzman@cox.net) if you have any information that might help apprehend the perpetrators.....Have you noticed suspicious behavior? When? What time of day?

Replacement of these two trees is estimated by the park manager to cost \$10,000, and is unlikely due to the city budget problems. We don't want to lose more trees!

The police urge us to call 531.2000 (police non-emergency number) to report vandalism or any other crimes. These reports will result in increased police neighborhood surveillance.

The El Cerrito & Rolando Community Council's encourage all of you to be "good neighbors" and watch out for each other.

CACC's January 11 Meeting Will Feature Eastern Division SDPD Captain Mills Discussing Recent Changes in How the Police Respond to Party Disturbance Calls

At the November CACC meeting, several concerns were raised regarding enforcement procedures of the Eastern Division with regard to responses to noise and other disturbance calls in the College Area and how those responses differ from Mid-City Division which serviced the College Area until September. As a result, the CACC decided to invite the new Eastern Division Captain, Andrew Mills, to come to the January meeting to discuss the issues, and he has accepted the invitation.

The invitation letter asked Captain Mills to address several issues including:

- Response times for party calls
- Changes in how the "College Car" concept operates
- Collaboration with SDSU Police

- Sharp decrease in the number of Administrative Citations issued and criteria for issuing the citations
- Explanation of how the resurrected CAPP program operates
- Protocol for responding to calls at residences that have received first response warnings on previous occasions
- Utilization of the Social Host Ordinance, including minor in consumption citations and citations to hosts of parties with underage drinking

We use all tools available as each situation merits. Sometimes we issue a first response, and other times a Lower tolerance and administrative citation. It is our obligation to provide an ethical, moral and legal response to each call. In gauging our call volume and how we come back after our initial response for the same party, it seems to be working very well."

A Reminder on Cleaning Up After Your Pets!

Please clean up after your pet when out of a walk and don't put your dog's poop in other people's trash cans.

In his letter accepting the invitation, Captain Mills stated: "While I know you were assured that the transition from one police division to another would be seamless, any transition brings with it some adaptation and perhaps a well-deserved study of tools and their effectiveness ...Our philosophy is to use a measured, reasonable approach to resolving the noise disturbance at the heart of a call for service. If the call is handled, the noise abated and the party shut down, the response was a success.



NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Thursday, January 19, 2012

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall

(El Cajon Boulevard at El Cerrito Drive)

Learn what's happening at Local Public Schools

Focusing on Plans for Facility Improvements and Impacts on the Surrounding Community

Question & Answer Session with Shelia Jackson, San Diego Unified School District Board of Education Member for Sub-District E.

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Local Area Meetings & Committee Groups

ECCC Meeting - Third Thursday at 7:00 pm, Parish Hall, Blessed Sacrament Church, El Cajon Boulevard & El Cerrito Drive

ECCC Board Meeting - First Thursday at 7:00 pm, Library, Blessed Sacrament School, El Cajon Boulevard & El Cerrito Drive

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee - Second Tuesday 7:00 pm, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2725 55th St.

College Area Community Council - Second Wednesday at 7:00 pm, College/Rolando Library corner of Montezuma & Reservoir

College Area Project Review Committee - First Wednesday at 7:00 pm, College/Rolando Library - Corner of Montezuma & Reservoir

Crossroads Project Area Committee (PAC) - Fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. College Avenue Baptist Church, 3rd floor, Administration Bldg, 4747 College Ave.

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